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Serial No. 10/146,404	Filing Date May 14, 2002	Examiner TBA	10745/90 PA-056
Inventor(s) Hao-hua Chu et al.			Group Art Unit Not Assigned
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DEGRADING DIGITAL DATA			

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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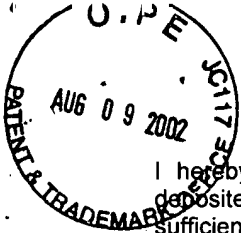
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Our Case No. 10745/90 PA-056

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hao-hua Chu et al.

Serial No. 10/087,337

Filing Date: March 1, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SELF-DEGRADING DIGITAL DATA

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit the references listed below and on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each of the references is enclosed herewith.



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OTHER ART DOCUMENTS

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"ELECTRONIC MEDIA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMMS)", IBM Internet article located on the IBM Corporation website: < http://www.ibm.com/software/data/emms/ >, printed on 7/10/2002, 2 pages and printout of IBM EMMS Content Preparation Software Development Kit, 32 pages.
"MEDIA COMMERCE SUITE", RealNetworks, Inc. Internet article located on the Real Networks website: < http://www.realnetworks.com/products/commerce/ >, printed on 7/10/2002, 5 pages and printout of RealSystem Media Commerce Suite, Technical White Paper, 16 pages.
"SDMI Portable Device Specification Part 1 Version 1.0", SDMI Secure Digital Music Initiative Document No. pdwg99070802, dated July 8, 1999, 35 pages.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of this reference, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE May 14, 2002	GROUP ART UNIT TBA
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A1	"ELECTRONIC MEDIA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMMS)", IBM Internet article located on the IBM Corporation website: < http://www.ibm.com/software/data/emms/ >, printed on 7/10/2002, 2 pages and printout of IBM EMMS Content Preparation Software Development Kit, 32 pages.
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